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APPLICANT: FRANZ NIEDEREDER ET AL-1 (PCT)
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TITLE: WELDING UNIT EQUIPPED WITH A COMMUNICATIONS
INTERFACE AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE WELDING UNIT

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a) (1)

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Respectfully submitted,

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